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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

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BILL NUMBER: HB 1634

NOTE PREPARED: Jan 15, 2007

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Various Election Law Matters.

FIRST AUTHOR: Rep. Richardson

FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: As Introduced

FUNDS AFFECTED: ___**GENERAL**
 DEDICATED
 FEDERAL

IMPACT: Pending

Summary of Legislation: The bill requires the county election board, rather than each precinct inspector, to furnish meals to precinct election officers. The bill advances by one week the period during which candidacy documents must be filed. The bill changes other dates related to filing candidacy documents.

Election of School Board Members- The bill requires that school board members selected by election must be elected at general elections.

The bill authorizes any precinct election officer to challenge a voter for any reason that a member of the precinct election board may challenge the voter. The bill removes a requirement that certain instructions and notices used at the polls must be printed in braille. The bill requires a county to establish polling places in public buildings before establishing polling places in other locations. The bill provides that school instructional days may not be conducted on election days. The bill permits all absentee ballot envelopes and related voter applications that will be sent to the same precinct to be enclosed in the same carrier envelope. The bill extends the period during which absentee voter boards may visit confined voters by one week. The bill makes the beginning date of absentee voting in the clerk's office or a satellite office one day later than under current law. The bill permits a county election board to authorize casting absentee ballots only at satellite offices rather than at satellite offices and the clerk's office. The bill permits a county election board to authorize the use of electronic voting systems for casting absentee ballots before absentee voting boards. The bill provides that if a municipality is located in more than one county, the residents of the municipality who also are residents of a county designated as a vote center pilot county must be permitted to vote at a vote center in the county of residence. The bill provides that an absentee voter who wants to vote at the voter's precinct is not required to return the voter's absentee ballots to the county election board. The bill provides that a license branch manager may transmit voter registration applications by first class mail rather than

certified mail. The bill requires the PERF board of trustees to take all action necessary to modify the state's agreement with the Social Security Administration to exclude the services of election workers paid less than the threshold amount mandated by the Social Security Act. The bill repeals an obsolete provision relating to party identification of voters who vote in a primary election on an electronic voting system. The bill repeals provisions relating to school board elections at primary elections.

Effective Date: Upon passage; July 1, 2007.

Explanation of State Expenditures: *As of the above date, the fiscal analysis of this bill has not been completed. Please contact the Office of Fiscal and Management Analysis for an update of this fiscal impact statement.*

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected:

Local Agencies Affected:

Information Sources:

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